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NEWS SUMMARY

FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Ruminski, Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm and United States Attorney Steven Biskupic announced today that Milwaukee Alderman Michael McGee, Jr. has been arrested on federal and state charges as part of a joint public corruption task force.

In a federal complaint made public May 29, 2007, McGee was charged with extortion and bribery. The complaint alleges that McGee sought money from business owners in his aldermanic district in exchange for favorable treatment on licensing matters. If convicted, McGee faces up to 30 years imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

At the same time, McGee faces charges in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, though that complaint remains under seal.

The public is cautioned that a complaint is a formal method of bringing charges and does not represent any evidence of an individual's guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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